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CHAPTER _____

SENATE MEMORIAL 66

Introduced by

SENATOR JOHN PINTO



1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SENATE TO SUPPORT A FEASIBILITY AND MARKET
3 STUDY FOR A NATIONAL NAVAJO CODE TALKERS MUSEUM AND VETERANS
4 CENTER.

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6 WHEREAS, the Navajo language provided the United States
7 with a code that the Japanese could not break that was used
8 throughout the second world war; and

9 WHEREAS, beginning with only twenty-nine young men, the
10 Navajo code talkers developed the code and saved many
11 American soldiers' lives by using the code for messages
12 amidst the chaos of battle; and

13 WHEREAS, few Navajo code talkers remain with us today to
14 inform younger generations of the bravery and heroism that
15 these warriors displayed on behalf of their country and
16 homeland; and

17 WHEREAS, to preserve the legacy of these brave soldiers,
18 a national Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center has
19 been envisioned; and

20 WHEREAS, the first step to making the vision of a
21 national Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center a
22 reality is to complete a feasibility and marketing study;

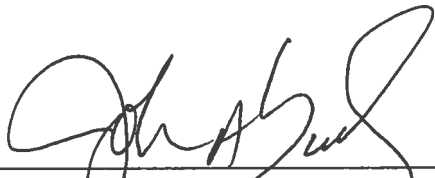
23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the concept of creating a Navajo
25 code talkers museum and veterans center be supported; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first step in developing
2 the Navajo code talkers museum and veterans center be to
3 support a feasibility and market study and to plan the
4 process needed to make the museum and veterans center a
5 reality; and

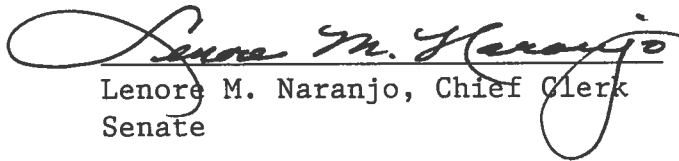
6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of Indian affairs. _____

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